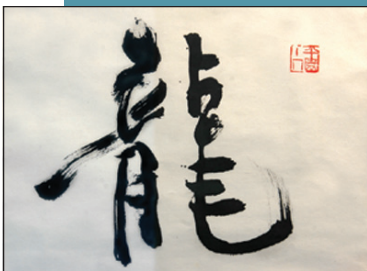




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Have you seen me?



This portrait of Mary Gillham is missing. The painting disappeared during renovation work in Gillham Hall, which is named after the woman who was head of the UT library from 1921 to 1969. Anyone with information on the painting should contact Jeanne Coates of the President's Office at Ext. 5517 or jeanne.coates@utoledo.edu.

Mother, son set to graduate together



Josh and Kristine Day

By Deanna Lytle

On Mother's Day this year, some will give cards and others will send flowers, but Josh Day is sharing something a little more unique with his mother — graduation.

Kristine and Josh Day are both graduating from the College of Health and Human Services Sunday, May 8, with bachelor's degrees in nursing and criminal justice, respectively. Although they didn't

initially plan for it to happen, the two will undoubtedly have the best seats in the house to cheer each other on.

Josh graduated in 2000 from Start High School and began attending classes at the University. Kristine, however, decided to go back full time once she felt her youngest child was old enough. "I took some courses at St. Vincent's and Lourdes [College] and transferred in here," she explained. "It takes a lot of courage to fit it into your life and adjust it. The hardest part is getting started."

During their years at UT, the two supported each other through words of encouragement and advising sessions. "My mom really kept me going," Josh said. "She kind of pushed me out the door, saying, 'You can do it.'" Kristine appreciated her son's technical expertise. "I didn't even know how to turn a computer on," she said of her time before attending UT. Even after a thorough computer course with a helpful professor, Kristine would still ask Josh for help with some of her online classes.

Kristine said she tried to "stay out of Josh's way as much as possible," but their schedules never happened to include the same classes. "One of my best friends had a class with her," Josh recalled. That

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Trustees to consider contracts with three unions

By Tobin J. Klinger

This Wednesday, the board of trustees will consider three resolutions that would ratify contracts with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and University of Toledo Police Patrolman's Association bargaining units.

The contracts were unanimously moved forward last week during the committee on finance, administration and facilities meeting.

The contracts, all previously ratified by union memberships, include nearly \$7 million in compensation over three fiscal years for tenured and tenure-track faculty and lecturers, and nearly \$284,000 for police officers over four fiscal years.

"I'm very glad to see these on the finance committee agenda today," said

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Look for the next issue of UT News May 16.

President, trustees give generously to campaign

By Jon Strunk

The donation to The University of Toledo's capital campaign by one of its most passionate supporters was a story that almost went untold.

When approached, President Dan Johnson and his wife, Elaine, were eager to donate to the University, but originally wanted to keep their gift anonymous.

Vern Snyder, vice president for institutional advancement, said he asked the couple to set aside their modesty in this case as knowledge of the president's gift would set the pace of the current "Time is Now" capital campaign and would encourage others to give.

"Dan and Elaine, your generosity will help to transform the lives of countless students and ensure a better tomorrow," Snyder said, announcing the

donation at the 2005 spring convocation Wednesday.

The students Snyder referred to are those who will benefit from the newly established Dan and Elaine Johnson Scholarship Endowment. The Johnsons donated \$100,000 to create a scholarship fund that will foster the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers who come from the inner city and are pursuing plans to return to inner-city schools to teach and pass on what they have learned.

Snyder also announced
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Photo by Daniel Miller

President Dan Johnson and his wife, Elaine, look at the hourglass they received as a token of appreciation for their \$100,000 gift to the capital campaign.

Local leaders to speak at commencement ceremonies

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dick Anderson, chairman of the board of The Andersons Inc., and Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, president of the Medical College of Ohio, will deliver addresses at UT's commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 8, in Savage Hall.

Anderson will speak at 10 a.m. for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Health and Human Services. Jacobs will speak at 2 p.m. for the colleges of Business Administration, Education, Pharmacy and University College.

There are 2,612 candidates for degrees, including those who will finish classes in August, from the University's seven colleges. There are 529 candidates for doctoral, education specialist and master's degrees, and 2,083 for bachelor's and associate degrees.

Anderson has been with the agricultural business and retail company since it was founded in 1947 by his father and four older brothers. He started as a crew boss and oversaw the construction of the first grain elevator in Maumee. In 1986, he

became president and chief executive officer. Anderson was named to his current position in 1999. The company has annual revenues of about \$1.2 billion.

The UT College of Business Administration honored Anderson with its Pacemaker of the Year Award in 1989 and gave him an honorary doctorate of commercial science in 1999. The Maumee resident was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2001.

Jacobs became MCO's sixth president in 2003. He introduced a customer-oriented mission for the institution and initiated the name change to the Medical University of Ohio at Toledo to reflect the school's broader scope. That name change will take place June 8.

Prior to coming to MCO, the vascular surgeon was chief operating officer of the University of Michigan Health System and senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Medical School, where he was professor of surgery. The native of Holland, Mich., has conducted research on vascular surgical disease.



Photo by Bill Hartough

Pen pals: Dr. Russell Reising, UT professor of English, left, talked with author Tom Robbins prior to the Summers Memorial Lecture April 15. Robbins' talk celebrated words. "Language isn't just a means of telling the story, it is the story," he said. "I'm for writing not to record but to transform." Robbins is known for his witty wordplay and imaginative fiction; his works include *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* (1976), *Still Life With Woodpecker* (1980), *Fierce Invalids Home From Hot Climates* (2000) and *Villa Incognito* (2003).

Atlanta judge to address law graduates

C. Ray Mullins, U.S. bankruptcy judge in Atlanta, will speak at the UT College of Law graduation ceremony Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

There are 136 candidates for law degrees, including those who will finish classes in August.

Mullins was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Northern Georgia in 2000. Prior to that, he was a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Kilpatrick and Cody.

In 1982, he received a law degree from UT. Mullins also is an alumnus of Bowling Green State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees.

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friend would join the two in an unofficial conference before registration each year. "We would ask each other, 'Is this a good one to take?'" Kristine described.

Josh and Kristine both worked throughout their college years, learning to balance work and family. Josh, married with a 2-year-old son, said he never felt like he missed out on the traditional college experience. "I like how my life is — I go home to my wife and child. I didn't feel left out or intimidated." Josh even credits his son with encouraging him to finish college. "I thought about providing a good life for him to live — I knew I had to buckle down and finish."

Kristine said her being a student didn't affect the role she plays in the family. "I am the mom still. If anything, I feel that I'm more in tune with their world."

While Kristine originally expected to graduate within three years, it took her two

years to complete one year of the program. Josh then upped his credit hours during the 2004-05 year to graduate. "I looked at my stuff and realized we were probably going to graduate together," he said.

Kristine and Josh plan to line up next to each other to walk across the stage for graduation and celebrate the event with family members who are traveling to Toledo for the big day. She will work at the Medical College of Ohio, and Josh is interviewing with various police departments.

As for their time at UT, they say they have learned to persevere. "There might be times when your mind is playing tricks on you, saying you can't do it," Josh said. "But if I can do it, almost anyone can." Kristine remarked, "When you first start, four or five years may seem like a long time. But definitely go for it — it's a great accomplishment."

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C. William Fall, chair of the committee, last week.

If approved by the full board during the regular meeting, the contract with the Communications Workers of America Local 4530 will be the only remaining contract still in negotiation. Negotiations of a health care package that would affect all bargaining units are ongoing.

In other committee action last week:

- The finance committee forwarded a proposal to award the student health insurance contract to the Maksin Group, which will reduce annual premiums by \$328 or 27 percent. Trustees also voted

to move forward fee recommendations, including increases for graduate tuition, law school tuition, as well as room and lab fees;

- The committee on academic affairs moved forward proposals for a new Master of Studies in Law Program and a Master of Social Work Program; and
- The committee on strategic issues and planning endorsed a proposal by President Dan Johnson to pursue \$300,000 in state funding to study the feasibility of developing a public-private funding model at UT.

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that members of the president's cabinet and the board of trustees had given generously to the University, the latter group pledging gifts of more than \$1 million.

Wednesday's convocation ceremony also marked the kickoff of the faculty and staff portion of the campaign effort.

"Donors don't give to institutions just because the universities need the money," Snyder said. "They want to see that what they're investing in will positively impact UT students and the communities we serve. That's why the faculty and staff component of the 'Time is Now' campaign

is so critical. Donors look to the attitudes of the people who are closest to the organization to help determine whether a donation to The University of Toledo is money well spent."

The faculty and staff portion of UT's last capital campaign just under a decade ago raised \$1,113,983 in gifts and pledges.

The Office of Institutional Advancement will accept pledge cards throughout the summer.

Those with questions should contact Kelle Repinski, director of annual giving programs, at 419.530.8477.

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Get to know...



Dan Galvin

Dan Galvin has worked at UT since 1990. He is the operations technician at the Student Recreation Center. The Chicago native received a bachelor of arts degree in radio and television production from Southern Illinois University.

Hobbies: "Collect Disney-theme stuff, especially pins, play disc golf, videography, driving travels, WXUT disc jockey."

Last movie rented: "The Incredibles"

Three words to describe yourself: "Dedicated, sarcastic, humorous."

Who would you want to trade places with for a day? "One of the crew members aboard the International Space Station. I hope that we get to Mars within my lifetime and hopefully may be able to do low-orbit space travel."

Favorite quote: "Toledo is better than to follow. I saw this somewhere when I first moved to Toledo and it just kind of stuck in my head."

First job: "Taking surveys for the mayor of Chicago's youth employment program, which meant going door to door annoying people about fairly useless information, but it was a way to make money at 14 years old."

Favorite dessert: "Key lime pie (since French fries don't count as dessert)."

Favorite meal to cook: "BBQ chicken on the Foreman grill."

Last CD purchased: "Gwen Stefani's 'Love. Angel. Music. Baby.'"

Something people would be surprised to know about you: "I have done a music radio show on the campus station WXUT for 13 years."



Photo by Daniel Miller

Making a big splash: Five-time Olympic medalist Janet Evans talked about what she has learned through swimming and international competition at the recent UT women's swimming and diving banquet. She competed in Seoul in 1988, Barcelona in 1992 and Atlanta in 1996. Evans won four gold medals and one silver.

Spring shoots: Alysia Solze, right, and Jessica Talmon, both sophomores in the College of Health and Human Services, played laser tag during the Spring Week festival on Centennial Mall.



Photo by Daniel Miller



Photo by Daniel Miller

Inkling: Kerry Moriarty, a freshman in the College of Education, received a temporary tattoo during the Spring Week festival on Centennial Mall.

Associate vice president takes job with OBOR, interim named

By Tobin J. Klinger

Dr. Paula Compton, associate vice president for enrollment services, has accepted a position with the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) and will leave the University April 29.

This marks the end of Compton's second tour at UT, which began in 2002. She will move to Columbus to work as director of articulation and transfer at OBOR.

"Paula has provided exemplary leadership during these years, and we wish her well as she takes on a challenging new role," said Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment services.

Carolyn Baumgartner, director of financial aid, has accepted an offer to serve as interim associate vice president for enrollment services as a national search is conducted. Lisa Hasselschwert, senior associate director of financial aid, will take on Baumgartner's duties on an interim basis during the transition.

"Carol and Lisa have been intimately involved in our enrollment operation, and I am confident that we will be able to meet and exceed enrollment expectations with their leadership," Goodridge said.

"I have cherished my time at UT," Compton said. "It has been a real pleasure working with my colleagues in enrollment services as well as those across the campus. I hope our paths cross again soon in my new role with the regents."

In memoriam

James A. Diroff, Lambertville, Mich., a part-time instructor in the engineering technology department since 2001, died April 16 at age 57.

Schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff members or members of their families who will graduate from the University in May can contact the Marketing and Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Call Joanne Gray at Ext. 2675 to schedule an appointment by Wednesday, May 11. Photos will appear in the May 16 issue of the paper.

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Remembering: More than 200 veterans and family members attended the recent opening of the exhibit, "Ideals, Courage and Hope: The Experience of Soldiers in America's Wars" at the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections. Sarah Rouse, deputy director of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, talked about the national effort to preserve the oral histories of veterans. She said UT has contributed almost 200 interviews to the project. The exhibit, which looks at war from the personal experience of soldiers from the early American wars through Vietnam, will be on display through Aug. 26.

Photos by Bill Hartough



Astronomy professor honored for research

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dr. Steven Federman is a star researcher. The astronomy professor received the Sigma Xi/Dion D. Raftopoulos Award for Outstanding Research for studying interstellar clouds to find out how stars are formed.

He picked up a plaque and check for \$1,500 at the Sigma Xi annual banquet April 16.

Federman uses spectroscopy to study the physical environment of interstellar gas clouds where stars are born. He makes many measurements with telescopes at the McDonald Observatory at the University of Texas at Austin, the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer and the Hubble Space Telescope. To help interpret his astronomical spectra, he acquires lab data on atoms and molecules. He also investigates isotopic ratios to understand the sites where elements are produced by nuclear reactions.

"Dr. Federman has studied atomic and molecular processes in interstellar space using high-resolution visible and UV spectroscopy for 25 years. The main recent interests in his observational program have been light element synthesis and chemical fractionation in carbon



Dr. Steven Federman

monoxide," wrote one nominator. "The work on isotope ratios is clarifying the relative importance of various processes that synthesize the light elements."

"This combination of original research in the distinct fields of theory, experiment and observation is very rare among active scientists," noted another nominator. "In this way, Federman has been able to make significant contributions to our understanding of the chemical

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Center for Teaching and Learning awards five to develop, enhance teaching efforts

By Deanna Lytle

For the third year in a row, the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has awarded Summer Faculty Teaching Fellowship Awards to finance the development or revision of courses at the University.

Five faculty members are this year's recipients. "I am happy to congratulate and honor them," said Dr. Bernie Bopp, CTL director and professor of physics and astronomy. "The winners represent the best and most creative of the proposals and promise some wonderful opportunities for students."

This year, the center received 21 applications for the awards, which provide financial compensation for new course materials, travel time, or for faculty members to work on new or current courses full time during the summer. Bopp said there were entries from nearly every college at UT. "The faculty creativity never fails to amaze me," he said, referring to the fact that each submitted proposal was unique.

The entries were judged by the CTL Advisory Committee, which includes members from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health and Human Services, Law, Pharmacy and

University College. Other committee members include Bopp, Dr. Alice Skeens from the Faculty Senate, and a representative from the College of Engineering who could not take part in the deliberations this year.

The winners and their projects are:

- **Dr. Katherina Danko-McGhee**, associate professor of art, "The Environment as Third Teacher." Danko-McGhee's project is the redevelopment of AED 3100/5990, Art for the Pre and Primary Child, which was inspired by her visit to schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy. She plans to immerse students in a classroom that acts as a "third teacher" — a learning environment organized in an aesthetically pleasing way — with the hopes that the education students will integrate similar strategies into their future classrooms.
- **Dr. Emilio Duran**, assistant professor of biology, "BIOL 2700: Critical Thinking and Writing in the Biological Sciences." Citing the popularity and positive student reception of a 4000-level version, Duran wants to develop this course to teach students about the nature of science, the implementation of the scientific method and the use of critical thinking. The Writing Across the Curriculum course will be worth two or three credits for biology majors.
- **Dr. Danny Pincivero**, associate professor of kinesiology, "KINE 4540/4550: Applied Biomechanics/ Applied Biomechanics Laboratory." Pincivero will use the award to fund the redevelopment of these courses, which will now be centered on problem- and quantitative-based approaches to learning biomechanics. In the lab course, students will select a particular human movement or sports skill and use that as their central problem throughout all the lab assignments. Lecture material will provide the theoretical background for the lab projects.
- **Dr. Melinda Reichelt**, associate professor of English, "Revising ESL Writing: Creating a Mentoring Course for ESL TAs and Updating Three First-Year ESL Courses." Due to the fact that many of the teaching assistants have no experience in teaching English as a second language (ESL) courses, Reichelt plans to develop an orientation class and a mentoring course for new teaching assistants in the ESL program. She also will redevelop three first-year ESL composition courses.
- **Dr. Özcan Sezer**, assistant professor of finance, "Integration of the Neff Financial Trading Floor With the MBA Investment and Derivatives Courses." Harnessing the software resources of the Neff Financial Trading Floor, Sezer will integrate active materials into the FINA 6140 and FINA 6340 courses. In the first course, students will work on portfolio selection and performance evaluations with historical and 20-minute delayed data. The second course will involve a simulation of a trading room environment for a risk management team of an oil company.

Poets recognized in EarthFest competition

Five poets were honored during the sixth annual EarthFest Environmental Poetry Contest presented by the UT Society for Environmental Education.

Listed by category, the winners are:

- UT Faculty — **Dr. Skaidrite Stelzer**, assistant professor of English;
- UT Staff — **Dan McGuire**, associate director of Toledo EXCEL;
- UT Students — **Eric Elliott**, a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences;
- Off-Campus Adult — **Bill Frogameni**, UT alumnus who received bachelor's and master's degrees in English in 1993 and 1999, respectively; and
- Off-Campus Student — **Anna Klis**, a student at Notre Dame Academy.

A \$50 cash prize was awarded in each category.

The contest was co-sponsored by the English department, the College of Law, the Campus Democrats, and the earth, ecological and environmental sciences department.

Sixteen Stories Up

By Eric Elliott

I.
Lunch break hangs in the
Owens-Illinois
air vents like a
raspy ghost. Outside
double-pane glass
mini-skyscrapers
stand tall and flexed
against the Ohio breeze
fighting off warm
whispers of southwestern skies.
Pushing Corpus Christi
Albuquerque
Phoenix
back against a burned
backdrop. Back as far as
the sun clinging to its
tiny scrap of blue.
After the gold-rush sunset
sky hangs a motionless afterthought
above turning leaves.
A still, black, *goodbye*
Heaven alone brings itself to whisper.

II.
Owens-Illinois invented
the digital signs pinching
New York City's darkness.
It crafted the eyes that
allowed us satellites to
witness the moon —
forget for a moment
our failure to orbit
anything larger than ourselves.
The corporate office
stumps meekly under clouds —
a strong, glass facade
hiding empty stories from
the public
reflecting, into
the morning sun,
bright hopes from traffic below.
Below me, pigeons
wander cracked cement
ledges above fertilizer buds —
white pod-stars in
a cosmos of topsoil and
sticker-bush roots.

III.
Sixteen stories down
Toledo sparkles
traffic signals and
brake lights to
this fugitive moon.
Here, at the table
rocking with each lift and
land of my arm
it is lightless and quiet.
The voice in my head
talking empty streets into
offerings lifting up to
the hunger hovering
above this city,
talking this clip-on-tie to
flat gray wind unhinging
its starched white sky
carrying me up through
the cardboard-paneled ceiling to
a harbor of birdsong and
sweet October breath.

IV.
Through these plated windows
silhouettes of wings and
fat pigeon-bellies
thieve into empty space
leave their voices
outside in southbound
lights and currents.
Over crumbling sidewalks
wind drives footprints
back across the litter of
evolving time.
Somewhere above
these spinning pixels,
busy planets
splatter about the galaxy
collecting like the
grease our science and
faith wipe into
memory's gaping
black jaw.

Pussywillow Sunday

By Dr. Skaidrite Stelzer

Someone tell her to watch out for that
bottom step,
When her hands are full of branches
Blocking her sight.

Rhubarb curled tightly underground,
Fossilized purple scroll-work,
Written beneath the shifting frost of
spring.

While we sing all the songs we still
remember about Jesus.
Remember how they taught them in public
school then.
And we sang them again and again
With no meaning.

The grapes of wrath.
I always wondered about that anger
In a second language.

Somewhat like killer tomatoes.
Now merged with the genes of fish
So they can stay on the counter for weeks
Before the small black spots grow on their
bellies.

We call it Pussywillow Sunday
"Is that only in Latvia?" my sister asks
me.
And what were the words in Russian?

Where does the language go when the
translators die?

Through the branches there are hands of
light reaching.
If you cut them too early,
No shadow can grow.

That last step is always there to trip you
Before you come home.

An Hour Too Late

By Dan McGuire

It is deceptively beautiful, driving through
Ashland, Kentucky, in late September —
Rolling hills dense with changing trees,
The languid Ohio sunlit and gleaming
As barges and boxcars abruptly converge
Along its banks: Ashland Coal and Iron
Railway Co., a smoking monstrosity
Where Uncle Bob analyzed loads of coal
For God-knows-what 70 hours a week,
Wedded to his job for better or worse.
In the end he was unrecognizable — stage
Four lung cancer concealed through
Stages one, two and three, terrified
Of spending the little life he had left
In a hospital instead of chain-smoking
Winstons and watching NASCAR
In the modest apartment he called home.
During the five-hour drive to bring him
Back to Toledo a final time, I recalled
His wry sense of humor, uncanny ability
To remember special occasions and
Always sending a card, how he came
To every basketball game I ever played.
I thought about the time he helped me
Haul all my belongings off to college
In his brand new truck, telling grown-up
Stories because I was finally old enough.
Ultimately, I arrived an hour too late
His landlord informed me, the body
Already transported to the coroner's.
Teary-eyed, he handed me the keys
And offered his condolences, said what
A good friend and man Bob had been.
Inside the empty apartment, I recalled
The lifelong narcolepsy that haunted
Him day and night, circulation problems
That caused constant pain he described
As indescribable, and finally cost him
Half his toes. I realized his lightning-quick
Death from the cancer to be much like
Ashland, Kentucky: a blessing in disguise.



Playing possum:
Linda Gorey of Nature's
Nursery Center for
Wildlife Rehabilitation
showed off Maxwell the
opossum last week to
children from Apple
Tree Nursery School.
Part of EarthFest 2005,
the presentation on
Centennial Mall
featured the marsupial
and Buzz the owl,
Maize the snake and
Adobe the turtle.

Photo by Bill Hartough

FYI on FYE Part III: Education beyond the classroom

By Terry Biel

This article is the last in a three-part series regarding the First-Year Experience Program. Previous articles can be found at www.utnews.utoledo.edu.

One of the goals of the FYE Program is to build and sustain a vibrant and diverse college community committed to students in their first year at UT. That vital "community" aspect is being addressed with several proactive initiatives that reach out far past lecture halls, lab hours and homework.

The Residence Life Faculty Friends Program, backed by FYE, seeks to bridge the formal academic environment with the humanity of both teacher and student. Interested UT faculty members apply for the program and those selected for participation are given passes for two meals per week per semester. They spend time with students, dine with them, attend and run residence hall programs, and are friends and advocates for them. In addition, each residence hall's faculty friends "team" is appropriated a sum to run programs and events for students in their assigned residence halls. Faculty friends receive no stipend or other compensation for their time.

"When a student comes and sees faculty at the front of a classroom, it can be intimidating," says Tamara Clark, assistant director for residential education. The Faculty Friends Program, she explains, helps to ease that tension and educates both faculty and students in regards to how they think of each other. The program also bridges the gap between academics and student life. "We are all partners in student success," Clark adds. Research also has consistently shown the success of students at college, in particular first-year students, is greatly enhanced through positive extended interaction with faculty members.

Presently, there are 11 faculty friends assigned to Carter Hall or the quad. The program would like to have faculty in all the dorms, Clark says, both to increase programming and more importantly increase contact between faculty and students. "That's the point," she says, "it isn't just presenting. It's coming in and being there for the students."

Addressing student health and safety issues is the Life@College series. Funded

primarily by the UT Office of Recreation, Life@College focuses on educating students in their first semester at UT about lifestyle choices involving alcohol, relationships and sexual health through student skits and presentations. With additional FYE funding, the series has been expanded to include a third session, featuring a guest speaker and focusing on motivation, individual initiative and character building. On average, more than 1,600 students attended each of the three fall sessions.

The FYE-sponsored Primos peer-mentoring initiative is looking out for entering Latino undergraduates. Even with declining overall enrollment, Hispanic enrollment at UT increased 4.2 percent annually from 2000 to 2003, according to reports by the Office of Institutional Research. However, the year one to year two retention rate for Hispanic students during this time remained 4 percent to 13 percent lower than that of white students.

Five Primos peer mentors this year, under the guidance of Dr. Dagmar Morales, director of Latino initiatives, run a series of programs designed to help Latino students fight that figure. Primos (which is Spanish for "cousins") mentors have helped to guide over 70 first-year Latino students since the fall semester.

"We tell students they need a mentor," Morales says, "but who knows what that is [as an entering freshman]?" Rather than rolling the dice on Latino freshmen's futures, Primos mentors proactively reach out to entering students and prevent feelings of isolation or frustration with the academic system. Events range from a slumber party to participation in the annual Latino Youth Summit on campus.

Also addressing disparity in minority retention is the new African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office. Presently under the leadership of interim director Martino Harmon, the office will open this fall, offering supplemental advising, mentorship activities and enrichment programs while researching further opportunities to improve offerings for African-American students at UT.

For more information on FYE programs, contact Jennifer Rockwood, UT director of FYE, at Ext. 2330 or see <http://utfye.utoledo.edu>.



Opening act: Jon Hendricks, Distinguished University Professor of Jazz, waved to the sold-out crowd at Fifth Third Field after singing the national anthem at the Toledo Mud Hens' home opener April 15.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Get a piece of the action, help install fabric sculpture at quad

By Tobin J. Klinger

Dowd, White, Nash and MacKinnon residence halls may look more like New York City's Central Park a la Christo than the quads.

Students are joining UT First-Year Experience faculty friends, residence advisers, hall staff and other members of the UT community in creating a fabric sculpture that will envelope the halls, in a celebration of spring and the pride of the quad residents.

This interactive "Quad Connections" display will be created in the spirit of New York City's "The Gates by Christo" and will have a finite life on campus. The sculpture will grow until April 29 through campus-wide and community participation and will be removed one week later. It will not obstruct sidewalks, driveways or

doorways and will not cause safety or accessibility issues.

The art installation will develop through the fabric sculpting process, which will likely include wrapping trees, creating webs and building linear fabric connections. Yarn, string, ribbon and old clothing cut into 3-inch strips will be among the primary art supplies.

The First-Year Experience Initiatives, College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Provost, FYE faculty friends, the UT department of theatre and film, the Residence Life Office and the Dean of Students Office are sponsoring the project.

For more information, contact Jennifer Rockwood, FYE director, at Ext. 2330 or jennifer.rockwood@utoledo.edu.



Photo by Daniel Miller

Energetic discussion: Toledo Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur talked with Student Government President Tom Crawford and Vice President Ashley Sheroian following an Earth Day news conference at The University of Toledo. Kaptur joined President Dan Johnson and Metroparks of Toledo Director James Spengler to champion the use of renewable cleaner-burning biodiesel fuel. The University has been using biodiesel since last September.

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University College Commencement and Honors Convocation Dinner
Student Union Auditorium. 6 p.m.
Info: 419.530.3201.

Planetarium Program
"Skywatchers of Ancient Mexico." Learn about the astronomical accomplishments of the Mayans and Aztecs. 8:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, May 7
American Heart Walk
Walk 3.1 miles through campus and raise money for the American Heart Association. Starts at Carter Field. 9 a.m. Info: 419.530.5474.

College of Law Commencement
Speaker: C. Ray Mullins, U.S. bankruptcy judge in Atlanta and 1982 UT law alumnus. Student Union Auditorium. 10 a.m. Info: 419.530.4131.

Softball
UT vs. Akron. Scott Park. Doubleheader starts at 1 p.m. \$3; \$1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2239.

Baseball
UT vs. Buffalo. 1 p.m. \$3; \$1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2239.

College of Arts and Sciences Honors and Awards Reception
Doermann Theater. 2 p.m. Info: 419.530.2164.

College of Business Administration Graduation Ceremony
Doermann Theater. 5:30 p.m.
Info: 419.530.5426.

Gospel Concert
Featuring Ike LaFontaine and his family. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 7 p.m. Free, public; donations requested to benefit "Send the Music Mission, Philippines 2005." Info: 419.574.2714.

College of Education Graduation Reception
Student Union Auditorium. 7 p.m.
Info: 419.530.5326.

Sunday, May 8
University of Toledo Commencement
Dick Anderson, chairman of the board of The Andersons Inc., will speak at the ceremony for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Health and Human Services at 10 a.m. Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president of the Medical College of Ohio, will speak at the ceremony for the colleges of Business Administration, Education, Pharmacy and University College at 2 p.m. Savage Hall. Info: 419.530.4829.

College of Pharmacy Commencement Ceremony and Reception
Nitschke Hall Auditorium. 11 a.m.
RSVP: 419.530.1934.

Baseball
UT vs. Buffalo. Scott Park. 1 p.m. \$3; \$1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2239.

Tuesday, May 10
Faculty Grades Due by 10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11
Project Succeed Orientation
Program for women in transition following a change in marital status. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

Friday, May 13
Second Summer and Future Terms 100 Percent Deregistration

Deadline for Submitting Online Requisitions to Purchasing for Fiscal Year 2005 for Purchases Requiring Advertised Bids

Planetarium Program
"Skywatchers of Ancient Mexico." Ritter Planetarium. 8:30 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, May 14
Bacik Retreat
"The Eucharist: Relating Liturgy and Life." Corpus Christi University Parish. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. \$15; cost includes lunch. Register: 419.530.1330.

Stranahan Arboretum Open House
Wellness day will feature introductory Ta Chi class at noon, two-hour seminar on how to reduce stress at 1:30 p.m., and new walking tour at 3:30 p.m. Stranahan Arboretum, 4131 Tantara Drive. Free, public. Info: 419.841.1007.

Sunday, May 15
100 Percent Refund Ends for Summer Session I, IV and Law

Residence Halls Open

Monday, May 16
Summer Classes Begin — Sessions I, IV and Law

Tuesday, May 17
Summer Session I 90 Percent Refund Ends

Art

Collage Exhibition
Featuring works by local artist Claire Wilson. Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Through May 6. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

"Ideals, Courage and Hope: The Experience of Soldiers in America's Wars"
Exhibit looks at war from the personal experience of soldiers from the early American wars through Vietnam. Through Aug. 26. Carlson Library Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 519.530.4480.

"Renewed Hope: Paintings by Adam Grant"
Exhibit features works by Toledo artist Adam Grant who was imprisoned in concentration camps during World War II. Carlson Library Art Gallery. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, noon-midnight. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2324.

Fabric Art Exhibition
Featuring works by Ellen Leonard. Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Opens May 16 and runs through July 15. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

Retail operations to unveil UT version of 'eBay'

By Tobin J. Klinger

As students prepare for the end of the semester ritual of selling back textbooks, a new Web site is being launched that allows users to sell items to the general public rather than just to privately owned businesses.

The UT Exchange Program will come online Friday, April 29, through the University's retail operations department, at www.utexchange.utoledo.edu.

While the launch is designed to coincide with the end of the academic year, items for sale will not be limited to textbooks.

"Students will be able post used books for sale online," said Christopher Giuliano, a Student Government senator who assisted in the site's development. "Students can also sell any unwanted items such as chairs, bookshelves and furniture that they do not want to transport home at the end of the semester or as they graduate."

UT Exchange sellers may submit multiple photo images along with a description of the sale items. All submissions will be reviewed prior to posting for appropriateness. The auction items and advertisements will be posted online within a 24-hour period.

"The UT Exchange provides a unique online campus-based auction and classified program to students, faculty and staff," said Greg Graham, manager of retail operations.

Those posting items online will be charged a flat fee of \$3 per submission for auction items and classified advertisements. While all transaction fees and shipping costs will be settled between the seller and purchaser, UT Exchange will accept Discover, MasterCard and VISA and Pay Pal for transaction settlements.

A "buy it now" option also will be a feature of the site, allowing customers to make purchases immediately.

Astronomy professor

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and physical nature of interstellar clouds, with decisive implications for theories of nuclear synthesis, star formation and planet formation."

Since 1990, Federman has received grants totaling \$1.7 million for his research. He has written 85 papers for scientific journals and 38 for conference proceedings. He is the topical editor for atomic and molecular spectroscopy for the Journal of the Optical Society of America B and vice president of the International Astronomical Union's Commission 14 on Atomic and Molecular Data.

In 2002, the native of Queens, N.Y., was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Chinese art

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"Dragon and Phoenix." "We Chinese people still call ourselves 'the Descendants of the Dragon.' The dragon is the totem in ancient China," Hu said. "When I heard about the exhibition, dragon is the first thing that popped into my mind."

Hu started using a brush pen as a teenager, but didn't have any formal training until he took a calligraphy class in college. He has won awards at all levels back in his homeland of China. "The limited white paper leaves unlimited space for my artistic imagination and aesthetic creation," Hu said. "I can be inventive with the strokes of Chinese characters, and I am free to present my perceptions of the meaning of the words."

"Visitors not only have the chance to see artworks of mixed media not usually seen here in Toledo, but also to get to know some Chinese artists living in town," Hu said. "This is a collection of genuine artworks by adults and children from the Chinese community in Toledo."

For more information on the free, public event, or on purchasing any of the pieces, contact Jing Meyer, coordinator of advising for pharmacy student services, at Ext. 1916.

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Chinese art on display one more week

By Megan Mangano

Life is fun when fantasy and reality is well-blended and balanced.

These are the words of Shichang Hu, one of eight artists to have his work on display at the Chinese Culture and Art Exhibition at the Student Multicultural Center in Student Union Room 2500.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and runs through April 29.

Hu, a UT graduate, has two calligraphic works on display, both being truly symbolic of the Chinese culture. One piece is titled "Dragon" and the other is

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"Dragon," Chinese calligraphy by Shichang Hu

UT Calendar — April 27-May 17

Wednesday, April 27 Law Exams Continue

Board of Trustees Meeting

Student Union Room 2592. 8:15 a.m. Info: 419.530.2814.

Basic Internet Training

An introduction to terminology, e-mail and surfing the World Wide Web. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 9 a.m.-noon. \$35; free for UT students or Project Succeed participants. Register: 419.530.8570.

Body Image Improvement Group

University Counseling Center, Gillham Hall Room 1004J. 11 a.m.-noon. Info: 419.530.2426.

Environmental Health and Safety Training

"Asbestos Operations and Maintenance." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

Women's and Gender Studies Brown-Bag Lunch

"War Crimes Against Women: The International Criminal Court and Conflicts in the Sudan." Speaker: Dr. Asma Abdel Halim, UT assistant professor of women's and gender studies. University Hall Room 4180. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2233.

Student Alumni Association Exam Study Break

Members can stop by for a relaxing massage or a quick snack. Student

Union Room 2582. Noon-4 p.m. Info: 419.530.2604.

One-Stop Registration Program

Apply for admission, take placement tests, receive academic advising, register for fall/summer semesters, apply for financial aid and pay tuition. Rocket Hall. 2-6 p.m. Register: 419.530.5757.

Softball

UT vs. Cleveland State. Scott Park. Doubleheader starts at 3 p.m. \$3; \$1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2239.

College of Engineering Library Inauguration

Celebrate the opening of the library. Reception to follow ceremony. Palmer Hall Room 2600. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8212.

Pre-Exam Stress Reduction Workshop

With Dr. Ashley Pryor, UT assistant professor of women's and gender studies. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

"Discover Downtown Toledo" Tour Guide Program

Workshop sessions will feature illustrated discussion given by leading authorities on Toledo history, architecture and redevelopment. Those who complete the session will be eligible to volunteer as a tour guide. Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan St. 5:30-7 p.m. Free, public. Register: 419.530.3591.

Vice President for Student Life Finalist Student Forum

Dr. Paul Barrows, vice chancellor, University of Wisconsin at Madison, will meet with students in an open forum. Student Union South Lounge. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5510.

Collegium Musicum

Directed by Dr. Alice Petersen, UT music department. Center for Performing Arts Room 1019. 8 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Thursday, April 28

Garage Sale

Student Union Auditorium and Scott Park Student Center. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4606.

Weight Watchers Open House

Get details on the program that will run May 5-July 21. Student Medical Center Classroom. Noon-1 p.m. \$144 for 12-week program. Info: 419.530.3493.

Vice President for Student Life Finalist Open Forum

Dr. Paul Barrows, vice chancellor, University of Wisconsin at Madison, will meet with students, faculty and staff in an open forum. Student Union Room 2592. 2:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5510.

G/L/B/T/Q Support Group

Friendly, safe environment to talk about sexual orientation, coming out, dating, family and more. University Counseling Center, Gillham Hall Room 1004J. 4-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.2426.

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

"The Chemistry of H3+ in the Diffuse Interstellar Medium." Speaker: Ben McCall, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. McMaster Hall Room 1005. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2241.

Recognition of Excellence Scholarship Dinner

The College of Education Alumni Affiliate will award four student scholarships and recognize four education graduates. Inverness Club, 4601 Dorr St. 5:30 p.m. \$30 per person. RSVP: 419.530.2586.

Basic Internet Training for Women

Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 6-9 p.m. \$35; free for UT students or Project Succeed participants. Register: 419.530.8570.

Friday, April 29

Last Day of Classes

Finance Lecture and Awards

"Global Trends and the Impact on the U.S. Economy." Speaker: Gene Collins, managing director of Citigroup Asset Management. Doermann Theater. 10 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2436.

Senior Citizen Planetarium Program

"The Star Gazer." Ritter Planetarium. 3 p.m. \$3. RSVP: 419.530.2650.

Biological Sciences Seminar

"Translational Silencing of Ceruloplasmin, an Inflammatory Gene in IFN-g Activated Monocytes." Speaker: Barsanjit Mazumder, Cleveland State University. Wolfe Hall Room 3246. 3:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2065.

Earth, Ecological and Environmental Sciences Lecture

"Using 'Virtual Transplants' to Study Fish Population Response to New Environmental Conditions." Speaker: Libby Marschall, Ohio State University. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1049. 3:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2664.

Engineering Seminar

"Toward Human-Level Artificial Intelligence." Speaker: Dr. John Laird, University of Michigan. Nitschke Hall Room 1027. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8212.

Planetarium Program

"The Star Gazer." Program explores how imagination, curiosity and scientific thought have unlocked some of the mysteries of the universe. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

The Opera Workshop

Directed by Robert Ballinger, UT lecturer of music. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 8 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Saturday, April 30

Planetarium Program

"Don't Duck, Look Up!" Program follows Dudley the duck and his barnyard friends as they learn about the sky. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Sunday, May 1

Oratorio Concert

Conducted by Dr. Stephen Hodge, UT professor of music. Doermann Theater. 3 p.m. \$5 for general admission; \$3 for students and seniors. Info: 419.530.2448.

Monday, May 2

Exams Begin, Law Exams Continue

Tuesday, May 3

Catholic Spring Lecture Series

"The Church and Public Life" Speaker: Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, UT Murray/Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies. Corpus Christi University Parish. 5:30 p.m. \$10; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.1330.

Community and Technical College Reunion

Anyone who has a connection to the former UT Community and Technical College is invited to attend. Scott Park VIP Room. 6-8 p.m. \$3. Info: 419.530.5871.

Thursday, May 5

Year of the Adviser Awards Ceremony

Pacesetter, Master Adviser and Service awards will be presented. Student Union Room 2592. 3 p.m. Info: 419.530.3142.

Black Student Union Graduation Banquet

Reception will honor graduating African-American students. Student Union Room 2582. 5:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.2357.

Friday, May 6

First Summer 100 Percent Deregistration

Residence Halls Close

UT Employee Computer Class

"MS FrontPage 1." First of three classes — concludes May 13 and May 27. University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

UT Employee Computer Class

"Building on Your Keyboarding Skills." University Computer Center Room 1600. 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Baseball

UT vs. Buffalo. Scott Park. 3 p.m. \$3; \$1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2239.

Women's Equity Action League Research/Writing Competition Deadline

Projects regarding women's issues are due by 5 p.m. to the women's and gender studies department, University Hall Room 4260. Info: 419.530.6206.

Minority Affiliate Recognition Dinner

Annual scholarship dinner to recognize UT students and alumni. Student Union Ingman Room. 6 p.m. \$35. Info: 419.530.2586.

UT News publishes listings for events taking place at the University and for off-campus events that are sponsored by UT groups. Information is due by noon Wednesday, May 11, for the May 16 issue. Send information by e-mail to utmarcom@utnet.utoledo.edu, fax it to Ext. 4618, or drop it in campus mail to #949, UT News, Marketing and Communications, University Hall Room 2110. Due to space limitations, some events may be omitted from UT News; the complete calendar can be found online at www.utoledo.edu.

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